

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
(Attorney Docket No. 005222.00161)

In re U.S. Patent Application of Nichols	)	
Application No. 09/868,664	)	Examiner: Coughlan, Peter D.
Filed: September 26, 2001	)	Group Art Unit: 2129
For: A RUNTIME PROGRAM ANALYSIS	)	Confirmation No.: 3001
TOOL FOR A SIMULATION ENGINE	)	

**AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the final Office Action mailed December 15, 2008. Applicant is requesting continued examination under 37 CFR §1.114. The Examiner set a three-month period for response, thus making this paper due on or before **March 15, 2009**. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.